

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** Chair Taylor Brown, on February 20, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Taylor Brown, Chair (R)  
Sen. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Kris Hansen (R)  
Sen. Llew Jones (R)  
Sen. Mary Sheehy Moe (D)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Bob Keenan (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Angie Koehler, Committee Secretary  
Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 331, 2/16/2015; SB 345, 2/16/2015

**Executive Action:**

HB 87 - Be Concurred In  
SB 272 - Do Pass  
SB 328 - Do Pass As Amended

**HEARING ON SB 345**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:53 Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 345, Revise process for adoption of accreditation standards.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:09:40 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA) and representing Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association

00:11:36 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT

00:12:03 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:12:56 Dennis Parman, deputy superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

00:13:12 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

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00:13:25 Robert Miller, LFD

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:14:12 Sen. Facey

00:15:18 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD

00:15:37 Sen. Facey

00:16:12 Mr. Melton, MTSBA

00:16:27 Sen. Facey

00:16:29 Mr. Melton

00:18:05 Sen. Moe

00:18:51 Mr. Parman, OPI

00:19:23 Sen. Moe

00:19:31 Mr. Parman

00:19:57 Sen. Moe

00:20:03 Mr. Parman

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:20:20 Sen. Arntzen

**HEARING ON SB 331**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:24:58 Sen. Kris Hansen (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on SB 331, Revise laws related to employing noncertified teachers.

[EXHIBIT](#)(eds39a02)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:45:08 Gerald Krenzke, superintendent, Denton Public Schools (DPS)  
00:46:57 Dale Bernard, superintendent, Geyser Public Schools

Sen. Keenan entered the hearing.

00:49:48 Kyndall Miller, speaking on behalf of an eastern Montana superintendent  
00:56:13 E.J. Redding, superintendent, Bainville Public Schools  
00:57:10 Jennifer Peer, speaking on behalf of a northern Montana superintendent

**Committee Business:**

01:00:16 Sen. Moe  
01:00:45 Chairman Brown  
01:00:55 Sen. Hansen  
01:01:50 Chairman Brown  
01:02:17 Sen. Hansen  
01:02:29 Chairman Brown

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:02:48 Peter Donovan, executive director, Board of Public Education (BPE)  
01:08:31 Dennis Parman, deputy superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

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[EXHIBIT\(eds39a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds39a05\)](#)

01:25:16 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA) and representing  
Montana Rural Education Association

[EXHIBIT\(eds39a06\)](#)

01:31:36 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)  
01:42:56 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT

**Informational Testimony:**

01:43:59 Robert Carson, Associate Dean, College of Education, Health and Human  
Development, Montana State University; director, Northern Plains Transition to  
Teaching Program (MSU-NPTT)

[EXHIBIT\(eds39a07\)](#)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:52:07 Sen. Jones  
01:53:10 Mr. Parman, OPI  
01:54:38 Sen. Jones  
01:54:56 Mr. Parman  
01:55:26 Sen. Jones  
01:55:45 Mr. Parman

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01:59:53	Mr. Donovan
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02:02:22	Sen. Facey
02:02:53	Mr. Melton, MTSBA
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02:03:36	Mr. Melton
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02:25:14	Mr. Krenzke, DPS
02:25:30	Chairman Brown

02:25:51 Mr. Krenzke  
02:26:12 Chairman Brown  
02:26:27 Mr. Krenzke  
02:26:30 Chairman Brown  
02:26:56 Mr. Miller, SAM  
02:27:50 Chairman Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:28:10 Sen. Hansen  
  
02:33:30 Chairman Brown

**Committee Business:**

02:34:01 Chairman Brown  
02:34:55 Sen. Hansen  
02:35:09 Chairman Brown  
02:35:26 Sen. Jones  
02:35:41 Chairman Brown

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 87**

02:35:46 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 87 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

02:35:56 Sen. Jones  
02:36:26 Chairman Brown  
02:36:29 Sen. Facey  
02:37:11 Sen. Arntzen

02:38:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jones will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 272**

02:39:05 **Motion:** Sen. L. Jones moved that **SB 272 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

02:39:09 Chairman Brown  
02:39:27 Sen. Hansen  
02:39:57 Chairman Brown  
02:40:05 Sen. Jones  
02:40:19 Chairman Brown  
02:40:35 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy  
02:40:48 Chairman Brown  
02:40:51 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy  
02:41:15 Chairman Brown  
02:41:25 Sen. Blasdel

02:42:19 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

02:44:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 328**

02:44:37 **Motion:** Sen. L. Jones moved that **SB 328 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

02:44:44 Chairman Brown

02:44:52 Sen. Jones

02:45:02 Chairman Brown

02:45:44 **Motion:** Sen. L. Jones moved that **SB 328 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT**(eds39a08)

**Discussion:**

02:46:01 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

02:46:46 Chairman Brown

02:46:49 Mr. McCracken, LSD

02:46:55 Sen. Jones

02:47:03 Sen. Hansen

02:47:06 Mr. McCracken

02:47:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:47:47 **Motion:** Sen. L. Jones moved that **SB 328 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT**(eds39a09)

**Discussion:**

02:47:56 Sen. Jones

02:48:21 Chairman Brown

02:48:34 Mr. McCracken

02:48:53 Chairman Brown

02:49:00 Mr. McCracken

02:51:09 Sen. Moe

02:51:31 Sen. Jones

02:51:47 Sen. Moe

02:52:17 Sen. Jones

02:52:44 Chairman Brown

02:52:53 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Facey, Sen. Moe and Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voting no.

02:53:33 **Motion:** Sen. T. Brown moved that **SB 328 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

02:53:49 Sen. Facey  
02:54:08 Sen. Cohenour  
02:55:11 Sen. Hansen  
02:55:40 Mr. McCracken  
02:55:44 Sen. Hansen  
02:55:58 Mr. McCracken  
02:57:03 Sen. Jones  
02:57:50 Chairman Brown  
02:58:30 Sen. Jones  
02:58:47 Chairman Brown  
02:58:58 Sen. Facey  
02:59:09 Chairman Brown  
02:59:26 Sen. Jones

03:01:38 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Facey and Sen. Moe voting no.

03:02:20 Chairman Brown

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 6:10 P.M.

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Angie Koehler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([eds39aad.pdf](#))